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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-14-85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-P

TAGS: PINT, PINR, AF, US

SUBJ: RADIO AFGHANISTAN ANNOUNCES NEWS OF AMBASSADOR DUBS'
DEATH

1. ON ITS 5:00 P.M. NEWS BROADCAST, RADIO AFGHANISTAN ANNOUNCED THE NEWS OF AMBASSADOR DUBS' KIDNAPPING AND DEATH. ACCORDING TO THIS BROADCAST, THE PERPETRATORS WERE "SEVERAL ANTI-KHALQI TERRORISTS" WHO SUBSEQUENTLY DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF A POLITICAL PRISONER NAMED "BAHRUDDIN." THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT "DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE AFGHAN POLICE TO FREE THE AMBASSADOR," SHOOTING BROKE OUT IN THE HOTEL ROOM WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD, AND THE AMBASSADOR AND FOUR TERRORISTS WERE SHOT AS THE POLICE STORMED THE ROOM. RADIO AFGHANISTAN ADDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS TAKEN TO THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN KABUL WHERE HE DIED.

2. PRIME MINISTER NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN EXPRESSED THEIR "DEEP REGRETS" AT THIS "ACT OF ANTI-KHALQI TERRORISTS", AND HAVE SENT TELEGRAMS OF CON-

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ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT...

3. COMMENT. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO WERE AT THE HOTEL WHERE THE KILLING TOOK PLACE KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT ONLY TWO TERRORISTS WERE IN THE ROOM WITH THE AMBASSADOR, AND THAT ONE TERRORIST WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED EARLIER LEFT THE SCENE IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH IN POLICE CUSTODY. THE AMBASSADOR'S DRIVER HAS STATED THAT HE DROVE FOUR TERRORISTS WITH THE AMBASSADOR TO THE KABUL HOTEL. AMSTUTZ

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